Strike by advocates

†2104. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the advocates went on strike on the 11th February, 2005 to oppose Government's decision to set up courts in every district of NCR of Delhi;

(b) if not, the reasons for the strike by the advocates; and

(c) the demands made by the advocates and the action taken to prevent the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The advocates went on a day's strike on 11.02.2005. However, this strike was not to oppose any particular Government decision to set up courts in every district of NCR of Delhi but the strike was launched by advocates as they thought that shifting 12 courts alongwith the staff to Rohini Courts was going to take place.

(c) The demand of the advocates was that there was no infrastructure for the functioning of the courts, such as chambers, parking space, place for stamp vendors and private typists, etc. Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that there is provision for 60 court rooms and space for vendors and typists etc. They have also stated that DDA has allotted land adjacent to the Rohini Courts Complex for setting up of Lawyers Chambers, that possession of the land has been handed over to the PWD and that they have taken steps to ensure necessary construction on urgent basis.

Transfer policy for judges

†2105. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to formulate a new transfer policy for the judges;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice has advocated the role of Government in appointment and transfer of judges;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government have received any suggestions in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgement of October 06, 1993 read with their Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the process of initiation of proposal for appointment of judges of a High Court lies with the Chief Justice of that High Court. The Government has, however, been requesting the Chief Justices of the High Courts, Chief Ministers and the Governors of the States, from time to time, to initiate proposals for filling up of the present and vacancies anticipated during the next six months.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Annual report of courts

2106. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the long pending demand for enhancement of transparency in the functioning of the courts, the judiciary has finally agreed for introduction of a system for publication of annual reports of various courts across the country;

(b) if so, whether this decision was taken during the recent conference held with Chief Minister and Chief Justice of India;

(c) if so, whether this decision would help in revealing judicial statistics;

(d) if so, to what extent the annual reports would be helpful for smooth functioning of judiciary; and

(e) by when such reports would be published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) During the Conference of Chief Ministers of States and Chief Justices of High Courts held on 18th September, 2004, it has been resolved that the court system should publish Annual